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TVI TROUBLE SHOOTER HONORED

The San Antonio Radio Club recently honored the Chairman of The TVI Committee Chuck Bernier K5DMK. The San Antonio Radio Club has taken it upon themselves to appoint a TVI Committee, and pay the gasoline and oil expense of said Committee while taking care of TVI work. Chuck has been performing these duties for the past couple of years with little or no help at all, and has done a very wonderful job. The club recently honored him by presenting him with a paid up membership in the club and a Plaque in appreciation for the work done in this very tough undertaking. He has handled the job better and longer than anyone that has ever been asked to take it over. Oddly enough, the San Antonio Radio Club hasn't gotten but two people to come up to the Club meeting and express their thanks and appreciation for his help in clearing up one of the most feared and dreaded maladys that can befall the Amateur.

So Chuck, for the San Antonio Radio Club as well as all the other Hams you have helped, we would like to publicly say "Thanks for a job well done".

VHF AND UP

50 mc. DX activity was really hard going this month. Best DX was worked by K500J, Bill Moore, who got KP4ALX, ALL, and AQQ on 28 Nov. On the 29th, Bill worked HC1FS and heard HC1JW at 0830 CST.

K5HVC reported hearing what he believes were JA's on 50 mc. the afternoon of 20 Dec. Shortly after this, W5KRH reported hearing a KH6. The band was very spotty and weak sigs were covered up by Es stations.

W5ZPV, new on Six, is eagerly awaiting some good DX (even Es!). Remember your first opening on Six?

On 6 Dec., the writer heard BBC TV video on 45 mc. and audio on 48.25 mc. for the first and only time this season. Since there was Es activity at the time, the 5000 mile path probably was part one hop F ond one hop Es.

In case you'd like to get an unusual call as W1DX, who used to write the DX column for QST, did, by it being said he caught WWV off frequency, you might try listening to WWV harmonics on 30 mc. There are no regular transmissions on 30 mc.

The writer hears, on 30 mc., the 2nd harmonic of 15 mc. and the 3rd harmonic of 10 mc. of WWV. In the afternoon, harmonics of WWVH, in Hawaii, can also be heard on 30 mc. Considering that WWVH runs just 2 kw. output, and that the harmonics are probably down 50-60 db., the power radiated is just .02 watts! Two hop F, 3600 miles from Hawaii for .02 watts is not bad DX! When transmitting the 600 cycle tone, the 2nd harmonic of 15 mc. sounds like 1200 cycles and the third harmonic of 10 mc. sounds like 1800 cycles. QRP anyone? Happy New Year!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party held this year at Skippers Restaurant across the loop from the International Airport went over with a bang after a slow start. It seems that everyone didn't get warmed up until the evening was about three fourths gone. But boy-oh-boy, they sure made up for

it at that time. Everyone gave George (W5LFG) a big hand. He was responsible for securing the band for the occasion.

At the Banquet, the following door prizes were given out; Allen K5PVI won the electric shaver given by Modern Electronics. Mary K5PDI won the Microphone given by Perry Shankle Co. The pocket slide rule and the table lighter, both given by Sherman Electronics were won by Marvin W5FFG, and Charlie K5VCR respectively. Derwin W5LUU won the Vacium tube volt meter given by Don and Marion at Radio and T. V. Parts. Ella W5TSE won the condensers given by Allied Electronics "Hank K5HYF". George W5VPQ won the 2 meter beam given by Bill Case Records and Sound. Inez W5WXT won one of the printed circuit boards given by Irving Seligman. Richard Magee also won one of the printed circut boards given by Irving.

We would like to thank the donors of the above mentioned gifts, for they sure did add to the enjoyment of the evening, even though the honorable Editor didn't win a single thing. We would like to see everyone go by these parts houses and thank these folks for their gifts and tell them how much we appreciate them.

MOBILE

After writing the DX Column last month, we are back at the mobile Column with some DX. W5OZQ was mobiling to work a few days ago when he called CQ, and W6ICG in N. Hollywood, Calif. come back to him. He worked him for about twenty minutes. How is that for DX for the Mobiles, on 75 Meters.

On December 6th, six Mobiles went to Hondo, and furnished communications for the Sports Car Races. Thanks to all that helped out and hope to have more for the next races.

The transmitter hunt was held on December 13th. W5EJT hid the transmitter, and Cole W5DKF came in first with the least mileage and the least time. The transmitter hunts are being held on a time and mileage basis. W50ZQ Theo, and Denny K9GIR, combined their talents?, and came in second. George W51FG came in third.

You know we heard a lot of bragging about what was going to take place on that hunt with the secret weapon that Theo and Denny were working on, but it seems that someone goofed. What's your excuse fellows?

Glad to hear W5IBN back on 75 Mobile again.

I wonder what has happened to W5FAR, and F5VI here lately. They used to be regulars.

Cole is going to hide the transmitter on Jan. 3, so let's all go out and join the hunt.

DX

W5HHE, Ray, recently swapped his old rig for a 32S1, 75S1, combination and has been having lots of fun chasing the SSB DX on 20 meters. It works out well on CW also. Recent good ones are HZ1AB, 7G1A, SUIMS, ET2US, and VU2RM on 20 CW. and MP4BBW on SSB. Ray recently sent

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in his cards for DXCC so we will soon have another member of that exclusive group.

Gene, W5EJT, says his XYL, Ruth, K5OPT, has it all over him in getting QSL returns but he has recently done a fine job in working the stuf on 20, 15, 10 fone and SW. He worked HK0AI on 15 cw and 10 fone and says to qsl via W9WHN and reports numerous /MM on 15 and 10. W5EJT, K5GUA, and W5VCR all worked VP8DW on 15 fone in one evening. Gene also reports ZD3, ZD6, EL2 and many Europeans on 10 fone and HB9, PZ1AA, VP7, VP6 and Europeans on 15.

Latest choice one heard on 20 SSB is 9N1GW operating in NEPAL. He puts in a beautiful signal almost every morning around 0715 CST on 14320. Signal comes in via the short path (about 010 degrees) but have not heard him work any W5 stn. He likes to rag chew and there must be thousands calling him every morning. He will be there two years and 9N1CJ should be on about Jan. 15 to help him out. So don't give up hope.

Recent ones at W5LUU on 20 CW are 7G 1 A, VU2RM, ST2AR, ET2us, CR9AH, EL4A, and FO8AC; on 20 SSB are HZ1AB, KG4AM, KC4USB, BV1USC, BV1USE, ET2US, VS6AZ, KG1AQ, CR9AH, MP4DAA, MP4BBW, and SU1MS; and on 10 fone (AM) MP4BCC.

Marion, W5DBN, likes to work them on 40 CW and has been having very good luck. I hear he now has nearly 100 countries on that band.

Lots of expeditions brewing to rare spots. See the West Gulf DX Bulletin for details. 73 and good luck.

Derwin, W5LUU

ALAMO YL

All licensed and interested YL's are invited to the January 17th meeting at the home of Ella Munsch W5TSE, 323 McNeel Road. Final plans will be discussed on the ALAMO YL certificate to be issued to any station working four or more members of this organization. Watch The Exciter for more details on how to obtain your certificates.

We would like to extend a very personal invitation to any licensed YL's or YL's interested in getting her license to join the organization. All you need is the desire.

MEETINGS

The San Antonio Radio Club will not have its regular meeting on Friday Jan. first.

The ladies' club will not have their regular meeting on that nite either.

GUTTER DOPE

Who said that 2 meters was dead in San Antonio? Heard on 2 Meters one evening recently were K5PDI, K5YCE, W5GL, K5OPT, W5ZDU, K5RWJ, KN5VRI, K5QPR, and W5FND.

W5KUI was seen recently the other day at one of the local parts houses with several license manuals under his arm, with which he plans to smart up the XYL Peggy. Could the ALAMO YL's be responsible for this humane act.

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Everyone had a very good time at Johnny and Francis Breummer's recently at a house warming they had. They sure did get some nice gifts. They had some very good eats, and delightful music to dance by.

We hear by way of the grape vine that Sam Vanderweide W5KRH is seriously considering giving up Ham Radio and going to the dogs completely (the show type that is).

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